

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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pl } 1. An elevator apparatus comprising:

an actuating device including a sheave around which a rope engaged with an ascending and descending cage is wound, said sheave being adapted to rotate thereby to move said rope with its rotation, and a driving section for rotating said sheave, and

a shielding body for shielding said actuating device,

wherein said actuating device and said shielding body are installed on a rooftop of a building in which said ascending and descending cage is disposed.

2. The elevator apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said actuating device includes a support member, a speed-reducer mounted on a first side of said support member, a motor assembly mounted on a second side of said support member, and a brake assembly supported on said second side of said support member, said second side being opposite from said first side.

3. The elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said speed-reducer, said motor assembly and said brake assembly are arranged coaxially to one another.

4. The elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said brake assembly is arranged radially inwardly of said motor assembly.

5. The elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

an output shaft of said speed-reducer constitutes said sheave.

6. The elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

said support member is attached to an upper surface of said
rooftop.

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